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- 1. Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio acknowledges North Eastern Council's role in Nagaland's development
- 2. India asks International Monetary Fund to reconsider financial assistance to Pakistan
- 3. India to send multi-party delegations abroad to present stand against Pakistanbacked terrorism
- 4. And, State school Education Director, Razouseyi Vese, underscores importance of cyber security



Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio has expressed appreciation for the significant contributions of the North Eastern Council (NEC) towards the development of Nagaland. He made this remarks during a meeting with NEC members Tenzing Norbu Thongdok and Longki Phangcho to discuss NEC-funded projects in the state. Dr. Rio also acknowledged the Council's support to infrastructure initiatives across the state.



India has asked the International Monetary Fund to reconsider its financial assistance to Pakistan. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh, has said that a large portion of the funds will be directed towards supporting terror-related infrastructure within Pakistan. Addressing the Air Warriors at Air Force Station Bhuj this afternoon, he said, in today's times, any form of economic assistance to Pakistan is no less than terror financing. Mr. Singh commended the Indian Air Force for its swift and decisive action during Operation Sindoor, stating that it

made all Indians proud, both at home and abroad. He emphasized that the operation sent a strong message against terrorism and showcased India's military strength and preparedness.

The Defence Minister said that in Operation Sindoor, the armed forces not only dominated the enemy but also succeeded in decimating them.



The government is planning to send multi-party delegations to different countries to present India's stand against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in the wake of Operation Sindoor. Sources said each delegation is expected to have a group of MPs from both ruling and opposition parties. The move is intended to further highlight New Delhi's stance on terrorism emanating from Pakistan to the global community and is expected to kick-start next week.



School Education Director, Razouseyi Vese, today underscored the importance of cyber security and addressed misconceptions about government school students. Speaking at the One Day Inter-District Science Seminar at Rüzhükhrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima, he urged students to use technology responsibly and adopt safe online practices.

Highlighting the achievements of government school students, he dispelled misconceptions that they are inferior, saying they are equally capable as those in private school. Mr Vese, a government school alumnus himself, informed that the department gives admission preference to students from government schools, irrespective of grades. He encouraged teachers in the state capital to set an example, and assured continued efforts to improve infrastructure and performance monitoring. A total of 18 schools from various districts participated in the seminar.



Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio yesterday said the North East Cricket Development Council (NECDC) has given the North East region a credible voice and reshaped its cricketing journey. He said this during the inauguration of the NECDC office at the Nagaland Cricket Stadium, Sovima. Dr Rio, who is also convener of NECDC, said the council was born out of a compelling need to unite six North East states at a time when they remained unrecognised by the BCCI.

He added that NECDC is more than an institution but also stands as a symbol of solidarity.

Commending the unwavering commitment of all NECDC member states and stakeholders, he noted that the youth of the region are now enjoying opportunities that were once unimaginable. Dr Rio also emphasised the importance of the younger generation understanding the legacy and struggle that made these opportunities possible.

Operation Sindoor has lit a fire in the heart of the nation. The daring and calculated mission by the Indian Armed Forces struck deep at the roots of terror beyond the border. It has echoed India's sentiment, loud and clear, that it will not bow to fear, but stand tall in unity. An ex-serviceman in Wokha district committed support to the present government for the success of the operation.

Operation Sindoor is not just a mission, it is a message that India will always rise to defend its own and respond with united strength.

President Droupadi Murmu today conferred the 58th Jnanpith Award on Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya in New Delhi for the year 2023. Jagadguru Rambhadracharya and the renowned Urdu poet and lyricist Gulzar have been selected for this prestigious award for 2023 for their outstanding contribution in the field of literature. Speaking at the event, the President congratulated both the personalities.

On the occasion, Jagadguru Rambhadracharya expressed happiness on receiving the award saying his literary work was recognised.

Nagaland Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam has called for stricter administrative discipline and effective implementation of government directives across departments. Chairing a meeting of AHoDs and HoDs in Kohima yesterday, he

acknowledged improved office attendance but stressed the need for continued monitoring. Dr. Alam urged departments to act on key policies, including premature retirement reviews, short-term worker guidelines, and the formation of Internal Complaints Committees under the Sexual Harassment Act. He also emphasized adherence to the Nagaland Rules of Executive Business, 2020, and regular attendance at official state functions.



Deputy Commissioner Chumoukedima, Polan John, has announced a temporary restriction of vehicular movement along the route from Chumoukedima Town (Old Check Gate) to New Chumoukedima via Old Chumoukedima Village. The restriction is due to ongoing road construction work, and will remain in place till the work is completed. Only vehicles directly engaged in the construction will be allowed. Commuters are advised to take note and plan their travel accordingly.

